

Amendments to the claims:

This listing of the claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of providing status information to a device attached to an information technology infrastructure utilizing a device data monitoring application resident at the device, the device monitoring application utilizing signature data to monitor data associated with the device and selectively provide messages based on a correspondence between signature data and data associated with the device, comprising:

incorporating a message signature in the signature data;

monitoring data associated with the device utilizing the device monitoring application so as to detect a presence of the message signature in the monitored data; and

providing a status message utilizing the device monitoring application if the presence of the message signature is detected in the monitored data, wherein the signature data includes computer virus signatures and the message signature is not related to a computer virus.

2. (Original) The method of Claim 1, further comprising identifying an internet protocol (IP) address for one or more devices that are not registered with the information technology infrastructure.

3. (Original) The method of Claim 2, further comprising sending the message signature to the identified IP address.

4. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the device monitoring application comprises an antivirus application.

5. (Original) The method of Claim 4, wherein the message signature comprises a non-virus communication.

6. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein providing a status message comprises providing a request to register the device in the information technology infrastructure.

7. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein providing a status message comprises providing instructions to register the device in the information technology infrastructure.

8. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein providing a status message comprises providing an emergency message.

9. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the device monitoring application comprises an intrusion detection application.

10. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the device monitoring application comprises a firewall application.

11. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the monitoring data associated with the device comprises monitoring incoming data received by the device.

12. (Currently Amended) A computer program product for providing status information to a device attached to an information technology infrastructure utilizing a device monitoring application resident at the device, the device monitoring application utilizing signature data to monitor data associated with the device and selectively provide messages based on a correspondence between signature data and data associated with the device, the computer program product comprising:

a computer readable medium having computer readable program code embodied therein, the computer readable program code comprising:

computer readable program code that is configured to incorporate a message signature in the signature data;

computer readable program code that is configured to monitor data associated with the device utilizing the device monitoring application so as to detect a presence of the message signature in the monitored data; and

computer readable program code that is configured to provide a status message utilizing the device monitoring application if the presence of the message signature is detected in the monitored data, wherein the signature data includes computer virus signatures and the message signature is not related to a computer virus.

13. (Original) The computer program product of Claim 12, further comprising computer readable program code that is configured to identify an internet protocol (IP) address for one or more devices that are not registered with the information technology infrastructure.

14. (Original) The computer program product of Claim 13, further comprising computer readable program code that is configured to send the message signature to the identified IP address.

15. (Original) The computer program product of Claim 12, wherein the device data monitoring application comprises an antivirus application.

16. (Original) The computer program product of Claim 15, wherein the message signature comprises a non-virus communication.

17. (Currently Amended) A system for providing status information to a device attached to an information technology infrastructure utilizing a device data monitoring

application resident at the device, the device monitoring application utilizing signature data to monitor data associated with the device and selectively provide messages based on a correspondence between signature data and data associated with the device, comprising:

means for incorporating a message signature in the signature data;

means for monitoring data associated with the device utilizing the device monitoring application so as to detect a presence of the message signature in the monitored data; and

means for providing a status message utilizing the device monitoring application if the presence of the message signature is detected in the monitored data, wherein the signature data includes computer virus signatures and the message signature is not related to a computer virus.

18. (Original) The system of Claim 17, further comprising means for identifying an internet protocol (IP) address for one or more devices that are not registered with the information technology infrastructure.

19. (Original) The system of Claim 18, further comprising means for sending the message signature to the identified IP address.

20. (Original) The system of Claim 17, wherein the device monitoring application comprises an antivirus application.

21. (Original) The system of Claim 20, wherein the message signature comprises a non-virus communication.

22. (Original) A method of communicating registration information to an unregistered device in the information technology infrastructure comprising:

using antivirus software to communicate a request for device registration and/or instructions regarding how to register a device ~~registration information~~ to an unregistered device in the information technology infrastructure.

23. (Currently Amended) The method of Claim 22, wherein using antivirus software to communicate registration information further comprises:

using antivirus software to detect a message signature and to communicate a request for device registration and/or instructions regarding how to register a device ~~registration information~~ to the unregistered device when the message signature is detected.